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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: July 21, 2011

RE: Park Improvements as of July 2011

Dear Board Members:

TRAILS

Monon Trail (161st to Oak Ridge Road)

The trail was completed last month but sustained considerable erosion damage due to the heavy rains. The contract to repair this problem is on your agenda today. In addition to the repairs we plan to have a safety railing installed 525 feet along the detention pond at the Custom Concrete site. All regulatory signage for the trail is installed. Emergency Mile Markers and trail donation signs should be installed in the next few weeks. Doggy Waste stations will be installed at the same time. This phase of the Monon Trail is considered complete until such time that we can fund paving the trail.

Midland Trace Trail

All landscaping is completed on the Midland Trace Trail. Site amenities have arrived and will be assembled and installed in the next few weeks. Emergency Mile Markers and trail donation signs should be installed in the next few weeks. Doggy Waste stations will be installed at the same time.

Natalie Wheeler Trail

The construction of the Natalie Wheeler Trail is complete. A Signage Request for Quote has been sent out. New concrete pads for the trash receptacles have been installed.

Cool Creek Trail

A new trail is being constructed along the east side access road, which has been named Cool Creek Park Road. This trail will be the first section of Cool Creek Trail in Westfield. It will run south along the new road, along 147th Street and then south through Cool Creek Commons shopping center. At 146th Street the trail will cross at the traffic light signal and connect with the Carmel trail system. A quote for signage will go out once the road and trail are completed.

PARKS

Signage

We are working with Browning Day on a complete sign package for new regulatory signs for all the parks. We are also exploring options for interpretation signs.

Doggy Waste Stations are being installed in all parks.

Simon Moon

We missed our opportunity to plant the sledding hill this spring due to excessive rain. We plan to re-grade seed and landscape the hill this fall.

We will be seeking quotes for the trail repair and new trail installation over the next few weeks.

Old Friends Cemetery Park

Old Friends construction is complete as well as the landscaping.

Asa Bales

We will be seeking quotes for the trail repair and new trail installation at the east entrance from Union Street over the next few weeks. The restroom water supply needs a new line ran and we hope to have this completed before this meeting.

Quaker

New concrete work has been completed that includes 4 bench pads around the splash park, and the extension of the trail amenities area. New amenities have been ordered: benches and bike racks. The drinking fountain has already been installed.

Work began and should be completed before this meeting on repairing a feature on the Splash Park that has not been working.

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We extended the Splash Park hours from 9AM to 9PM during this heat wave.

We are researching soil and water concerns because the plants and grass are not doing well even with the irrigation.

Freedom Trail

Due to funding restraints the Design Build process for a restroom and shelter at Freedom Trail was cancelled. We hope to revisit this in 2012.

The Interactive Wind Chime – Eagle Scout Project should be installed in August. A new sand table has been installed in the play area. Concrete pads were installed for all the play area benches. Sports field ID signs have been installed.

All dead trees have been removed. We will be making a claim for those killed by the herbicide Imperils along with all damage City wide. At this time we have not completed our assessment throughout the park system.

Liberty

We will be seeking quotes for 2 interpretive signs for Liberty Park. In August the gazebo will be erected as an Eagle Scout Project at the north end of the board walk. In the fall another Eagle Scout Project will repair the board walk. We had a concrete apron installed at the entrance of the parking lot and the lot will be re-stoned.

OTHER ITEMS

State Road 32

Landscaping is completed on the section of the highway from US31 to just west of Springmill Road. A maintenance agreement has been signed with INDOT and the Parks Department will be maintaining this section of the highway.

Trail Overlay

We are continuing to work with Community Development to draft this zoning ordinance for all trails in the Westfield Trail System.

Interns

We have had the pleasure of having three great students join us this summer; Greta Peterson, Matthew Gray and Zachary Root. They have contributed greatly too many park projects. We wish them the best as they return to college.

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